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THOMAS DECLARES HE THOUGHT ALLEN WAS HIGHWAYMAN

CARRIED MUCH MONEY

The Defendant Taking the Stand in His Own Defense Said He Was Accosted on a Dark Street by Allen and he Shot Him Unaware of the Man's Identity.

Concord, Jan. 19.—O. G. (Red) Thomas Charlotte automobile salesman took the stand today in his own defense in Cabarrus Superior Court where he is being tried for first degree murder for the shooting to death on Oct. 25 of Arthur Allen in Kannapolis.

The defendant's testimony followed closely that given by him in habeas corpus proceedings in Charlotte and the statement made by him immediately following the shooting. It was in effect Allen had come up to him in his car on a dark street in Kannapolis and asked "Are you following me?" Thomas said he said, "No." Whereupon the man said, "Hold up your hands." Thomas said he seized a pistol which was lying in the lap of Mrs. Robert Lowe, who was in the front seat of his automobile and fired three shots in rapid succession. Thomas said he drove off to Kannapolis not knowing whether he had killed the man or who he was.

Thomas said he had on his person at the time of the shooting approximately \$800 which he had collected for automobiles and that his first thought was that he was being held up.

KILLED WHILE SHE SAT IN HER HOME

Police are Mystified; Robbery is Said Not to Have Been the Motive of the Murder.

Vernon, Ala., Jan. 19.—County authorities after an all night search are without information that might lead to identification of the assailant who last night killed Mrs. John McDaniel at her home two miles north of Millport.

Mrs. Daniel was killed when a load of shot was fired through the window of her home while she was reading. Members of the family, who rushed into the yard, failed to see anyone. Officers said they had no clue to work on. Robbery was said not to be the motive.

WAVE CARRIES AWAY FOUR, RETURNS THREE.

Boston, Jan. 19.—How four of his crew were swept overboard by a giant wave during the storm of last Wednesday and three of them were returned to the deck by the same wave was told by Captain Edward Fogg of the Boston fishing schooner Athena, when he brought his vessel into port tonight. The fourth sailor was drowned.

DR. SMITH RESIGNS
Washington, Jan. 19.—Dr. Hugh M. Smith who has been United States commissioner of fisheries since 1913 has resigned after 34 years service with the bureau of fisheries.

Subscriptions To The
Woodrow Wilson Foundation
The following are subscriptions to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fund from local people:
Already acknowledged \$170
J. M. Daniel 5
W. T. Clark 10
W. B. Richardson 1
Mrs. John R. Rawls 1
Total \$197

SAYS LOWER RATES MUST BE APPLIED TO COAL PRODUCTS

FREIGHT CHARGES HIGH

So Says a Representative of the Coal Operators Who Declares the Railroads Would Be Justified in Making Reduction of 75 Per Cent a Ton on Coal.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Should the Interstate Commerce Commission decide as a result of the present inquiry that rate schedules should properly be lowered the lower rates must be applied first to coal the commission was told today by J. D. A. Morrow, vice president of the national coal association who said he spoke for 2,000 mine operators producing approximately 60 per cent of the country's bituminous coal.

Mr. Morrow said, the average freight paid on a ton of coal at the present time between the mines and points of consumption amounted to \$2.27 cents while cost at the mine was \$2.33. He estimated coal rates had advanced from 75 to 200 per cent according to localities since 1914.

Railroads would be justified, said Mr. Morrow, in making a reduction of 75 per cent a ton on coal. Quoting from reports to his association from members Mr. Morrow said a large part of production of coal from the seven months from April 1 to October 1, 1921 had shown an average loss of two cents a ton for the producers while conditions prevailing during November and December would make the losses even greater.

The fact must be recognized that high freight rates are chief elements in delivered cost of coal, the speaker declared.

CURED OF CRIME BY AN OPERATION

A Murderer Who Caused a Reign of Terror in the Prison Was Victim of Injured Brain.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Results of an operation performed to remove a bullet from the brain of Benj. Buckner, serving a life term in Joliet state penitentiary for murder which transformed him from a bad man to a model prisoner will be put before the state board of paroles and pardons in an effort to secure Buckner's freedom.

Buckner was sentenced in 1905. Upon his arrival at the prison he began a reign of terror engaging in fights with other prisoners and refusing to obey orders. He continued to be unmanageable until recently he began to complain of severe headaches. He said years ago he had been shot in the head and the bullet had not been removed. The bullet was found to be lodged at the base of the brain.

WEATHER.
For North Carolina rain tonight and Friday, warmer in east and colder in extreme west portion tonight, colder Friday, fresh south shifting to northeast winds.

GENERAL NEWS

A bill presented in the Reichstag provides for the destruction of a number of fortresses in accordance with the Versailles Peace Treaty.

The Italian liner President Wilson sailing in mid Atlantic a few days ago struck a 75-foot whale and neatly cleaved it in two.

Fourteen valuable horses were burned to death in the A. M. Pruitt stables in Oxford Tuesday night. The fire is believed to be of incendiary origin.

LAWLESS ELEMENT IS DESERTING THE MARTIAL LAW TOWN

DOWN IN MEXIA, TEX.

There Have Been 149 Arrests Made and Vice is Being Rapidly Cleaned up; Officers Find That Most of the Whiskey is of the Most Deadly Variety.

Mexia, Texas, Jan. 19.—The first week of military rule in this mushroom oil town netted 149 arrests on various charges including violation of prohibition laws, gambling and other violations reminiscent of oil boom crimes according to a military announcement made here.

General conditions have improved but they are far from satisfactory, said Major Jacob Walters commander under the martial law proclamation. He added thousands of under world characters had left the city.

"One thing is worthy of notice of all the whiskey seized since we came here only one quart and one pint is old time liquor. The rest is the product of illicit distilling. It contains from 2 to 30 per cent of fusel oil. Much of it even in cold weather is warm the result of concentrated lye mixed with corn mash. Yet we catch representatives, intelligent citizens some of them wealthy under the influence and in possession of this whiskey."

Martial law was declared by Gov. Neff because of alleged vice conditions.

MARKETS

COTTON.

New York, Jan. 19.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 2 points on December but generally 6 to 11 points lower owing to weak Liverpool cables and reports that buyers of cotton goods were still holding off. There was scattered southern selling after the call March sold at 17.44 and May at 17.10 or a shade under yesterday's low level.

New York, Jan. 19.—Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 17.55, Mar. 17.60, May 17.17, July 16.73, Oct. 16.18.

LIVERPOOL CLOSED

Jan. 10.19, Mar. 10.15, May 10.13, July 10.08, Oct. 9.76.

N. Y. COTTON OPENED

Jan. 17.56, Mar. 17.54, May 17.18, July 16.75, Oct. 16.33.

N. Y. COTTON CLOSED

Jan. 17.80, Mar. 17.79, May 17.42, July 16.95, Oct. 16.33.

12 O'CLOCK MARKET

Jan. 17.71, Mar. 17.76, May 17.45, July 16.98, Oct. 16.45.

Spots, Wilson market 16 1-4c. Call money 4 1-2 per cent.

CHICAGO GRAIN OPENED

Wheat, May 1.12 3-4, July 1.01 3-8. Corn, May 53 1-4, July 55.

Oats, May 38 7-8, July 39 5-8.

CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSED

Wheat, May 1.14 1-4, July 1.02 3-8. Corn, May 53 5-8, July 55 1-2.

Oats, May 39 1-8, July 39 7-8.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Sterling 422, France 818, Lire 437, Marks 51.

STOCKS.

New York, Jan. 19.—Price changes were uncertain at the opening of today's stock market. Shares favored by pools notable among which were Gulf State Steel, American International, General Electric scored early gains of 1 to 2 points. Standard Oil of New Jersey, Retail stores also were firm to strong.

REPORTERS FIND THE PRESIDENT IN MEDITATIVE MOOD

DISCUSSES CRITICISMS

Mr. Harding Says That When He Was an Editor in Marion, O., He Was Free in His Remarks, But That Every Word of a President is Discussed By the People.

(By David Lawrence.)
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Washington, Jan. 18.—President Harding was in a soliloquizing mood today on the arduous tasks of the presidency as viewed from within and without the White House.

Mr. Harding was discussing newspapers, editorial criticism and the executive's job. He had been discussing a public question and his reply was so aptly phrased that the inquirer asked permission to quote the President.

There was a twinkle in Mr. Harding's eyes as he explained that a President really shouldn't be quoted so often, that sometimes a phrase or a sentence uttered in impromptu conversation wasn't as well polished as it might be or at any rate wasn't always grammatically perfect and he feared the wrath of some of the stylists who lately have been picking his utterances to pieces.

There was nothing plaintive about Mr. Harding's observation in this connection. He gave the impression that he rather enjoyed the freedom that an editorial writer had—saying just what he pleased. And Mr. Harding indulged briefly in reminiscences of the day when he too was an editorial writer and expressed himself with the utmost abandon about public men and affairs. But he warned

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FARRAR WILL QUIT THE METROPOLITAN OPERA CO.

New York, Jan. 18.—Geraldine Farrar will quit the Metropolitan Opera Company at the end of the present season. Announcement that she would voluntarily end her long reign as America's chosen prima donna was made last night while the singer was appearing with the opera in Brooklyn. Miss Farrar is to go on an extended concert tour of her own, lasting throughout the 1922-23 musical season.

No reason was furnished last night for her leaving the Metropolitan, where she has been the dominating woman star fifteen years. Miss Farrar contented herself with this brief notice to the press, handed out by Charles J. Foley of Boston, her personal manager:

"During the season of 1922-23 Geraldine Farrar will be heard in concert in nearly all the principal cities in this country. An extended tour beginning in California Oct. 2, 1922, has been arranged for her. She will sing in Cuba for the first time in February, 1923.

"Miss Farrar will use her private car, in which she lives while traveling. During the Christmas holidays she intends to return to New York for two weeks to visit her parents.

"The tour will be directed by C. J. Foley of Boston."

BREAK IN JAPANESE SILK MARKET THIS WEEK

Tokio, Jan. 17.—Rumors that American silk buyers intended to boycott Japanese silk on account of high prices of raw material, due to manipulation, caused a break of eight points in yesterday's Yokohama market, which closed in a panic condition after a day of enormous sales. Today's market was slightly steadier.

The rumor is said to have been an outgrowth of a report from the Japanese Consul in New York, the report being meant merely as a warning, outlining certain dissatisfaction on the part of American buyers regarding the state of the Japanese market.

FIRM TREATMENT FOR GERMANY BY THE NEW CABINET

POINCARÉ'S STATEMENT

The Chamber of Deputies Was Crowded to Receive the Declaration of Policy from the New Cabinet; Reparation Problem is to Dominate All Others it is Said.

Paris, Jan. 19.—Firm treatment of Germany and strict execution of the peace treaty were demanded by Premier Poincaré today in presenting his new cabinet to parliament and reading its policy.

This platform as the premier voiced it brought out an ovation from the chamber approaching the enthusiasm Clemenceau was wont to arouse in the days of the war.

The Chamber was crowded while outside lingered a throng outnumbering the crowd inside. Premier Poincaré accepted an immediate discussion of interpolations delaying the movement of the chamber for a call for a vote of confidence.

The ministerial declaration asserted the problem of reparation to dominate all others and if Germany fails to fulfill her undertaking the French parliament must after consultation with the reparations committee examine measures to be adopted to force fulfillment. The first will be establishment of serious and effective control of Germany's budget, her issuance of paper money and her exports.

The declaration emphasized other clauses of the treaty of Versailles such as disarmament and punishment for war crimes must be carried out.

BRITISH TROOPS LEAVING IRELAND.

Dublin, Jan. 19.—In the process of evacuation of military forces three battalions of British troops will leave North Wall Quay for England within a few days. They will embark on railway steamers in the absence of troop ships. Of the 1600 police auxiliaries 800 already have left.

NEWBERN RECALLS COLONIAL SCENES

Commemorates 150th Anniversary of the St. John Lodge of Masons in the City.

New Bern, Jan. 19.—With men wearing satin knickerbockers, bearded coats, top hats and broad buckled shoes and the ladies attired in voluminous skirts, gay waists and lacy fichu around their necks, New Bern today once more took on a colonial aspect in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the St. John A. F. and A. M. Lodge of this city and the 130th anniversary of George Washington's visit to this city.

Hundreds of the visitors including officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina are here to take part in today's program which consisted of reading of interesting letters and papers relative to the early history of St. John's Lodge.

A barbecue dinner was enjoyed by about 1,000 persons and culminated in a pageant depicting the arrival of George Washington and his retinue. The pageant took place in a special court of honor.

BANDITS GIVEN TEN YEARS EACH.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 19.—Sam T. Rumley and Jack Harrington, who held up the paymaster of Sibley mill here Dec. 29 robbing him of \$7,849.90 was sentenced in Superior Court here to serve 10 years each in the penitentiary. The men were arrested a few minutes after the robbery and the money recovered.

TESTIMONY THAT A SOLDIER WAS SHOT BY FIRING SQUAD

OFFICER IN CHARGE

Another Ex-Soldier Testified That He Saw Two Men Shoved Under a Faucet and Forced to Stay There for Twenty Minutes; One Died a Few Days Later.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The shooting of a soldier by a firing squad in France was described to the senate committee investigating alleged illegal executions by Geo. W. Yarbrough, of Roanoke, Ala., who said he was an eye witness to the shooting.

"During heavy shell fire near Chateau Thierry," said Yarbrough, "I was going up the road with other men when we saw a soldier, his hands tied behind him, being marched toward the woods. The sight was so unusual it distracted our attention from the shelling. There was an officer in charge of the squad and when they started to shoot the soldier, a white boy about 20 years old, he asked that he be not blindfolded." The witness said he was 20 steps away when the shooting occurred. It was in July, 1918.

Yarbrough said he did not know if there had been a trial. Yarbrough who said he had appeared here reluctantly testified that he came after a soldier had requested that he be summoned and testified that he had heard the soldier was shot for neglect of duty. He said he did not know to what command the man shot was attached but he understood the officer in charge of the firing squad was with an infantry regiment of the 3rd division.

James M. Elliott of Newark, N. J., who described himself as a lawyer and who served with a medical corps over seas described seeing two men shoved under a faucet and forced to stay there 20 minutes. One died a few days later from what cause the witness did not know.

CHINESE RAILWAY SUBJECT SETTLED

Powers Are Pledged Against Unfair Discrimination in Railroad Rates.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The far eastern committee of the Washington conference today adopted two resolutions dealing with Chinese railways and began consideration of a statute of commitment in China the last two items on the conference agenda.

One of the railway resolutions adopted presented by Sir Auckland Geddes of the British delegation pledged the powers and China against "unfair discrimination" in railroad rates and facilities. The other by Secretary Hughes expresses hope in the eventual unification of Chinese roads under Chinese control. Both were adopted substantially as submitted.

SECRETARIES FOR LEAGUE

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 19.—Appointment of an international secretary and secretaries to direct social recreational and missionary activities of the Epworth League was commended in a report of Dr. Ivan Holt chairman of the legislative committee at the opening session of executive officials of the league.

The opening address was made by Dr. F. S. Parker general secretary of the Epworth League board of the Methodist church South. Dr. Parker outlined the far eastern work of the church as viewed by him on a recent visit.